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ON THE COVER: Students from left - Shaun Lloyd from
Lena, Jim Turner from Greenwood, and Katherine Gantz
from Inverness visit in front of historic Ward Hall.

From the Desk of Dave "Boo" Ferriss

Never in my wildest dream could I have ever imagined
being honored with a commemorative birthday postcard.
I was overwhelmed with this special recognition on the
occasion of my 80th birthday.

In no way am I deserving of being honored in this manner,
but, nevertheless, I am most appreciative and extend my
sincere thanks to the many alumni and friends who
took time to call or send greeting cards.

I am blessed and very thankful for this milestone
birthday, especially being thankful for the enjoyment and
rewards from my association with Delta State and all
the fine baseball players and people that have enriched
my life. I owe the University far more than it owes me.

Again, my thanks and appreciation to everyone who
had a part in making this birthday so very special.

Dave "Boo" Ferriss



President's message

Dr. David Potter

This issue of the Delta State University magazine contains the Alumni Association's annual announcement of its choices for "Alumni of the Year" and service award recipients. In my experience, the individuals selected for these honors have had remarkable achievements and have provided dedicated service to their universities and communities.



Dr. David Potter, President, meeting with Golden Circle members.

This year's honorees are no exception. I extend my congratulations to Jeff Ross Capwell, Carolyn Manning, Spring Heflin, and Caroline Gaines for being selected as the 2002 honorees.

Jeff Ross has established music scholarships available to members of the Delta State University band and has enabled more than one hundred young people to allow music to be a fulfilling part of their education. His generous contribution of naming a part of the Bologna Performing Arts Center in honor of his family helps ensure that the arts continue to be a central feature of our university.

Carolyn's good work at BellSouth extends beyond the reach of our university to the entire Delta and she helps us fulfill our critical mission as a regional university.

Spring epitomizes the energy and engagement of a young alumna. She is an active and enthusiastic leader in the Jackson Alumni Association and is involved as a volunteer for many worthy causes.

Caroline's enthusiasm for the arts enriches the lives of citizens of our region. She helped initiate the Bologna Performing Arts Center's programming and she continues to be an active contributor to the development of the university's entire spectrum of cultural offerings.

These four individuals offer vivid examples of the impressive and deep impact our alumni and friends have in their localities and beyond. We are grateful that each remains attached to Delta State as an integral part, not only of their past, but of their current lives. We also are grateful to know of their successes, and to learn that Delta State played a part in it. Nothing inspires university faculty and staff more than to see those they taught, coached or nurtured as students do well after graduation. The recipients not only provide us with inspiration, but also bring recognition to Delta State through its association with their successes.

As we strive to sustain the traditions and educational experiences that will benefit our students for a lifetime, we count on our alumni. And you, as an alumnus or friend of the University, can join with us to make this university a continuing force for personal enrichment and advancement, and for strengthening the communities that we all touch. Your active participation and perspectives are invited in pursuit of these dreams.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "David Potter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Potter" clearly visible.

Dr. David Potter
President

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INTERNETWEEK MAGAZINE RECOGNIZES TIM HARVEY

WorldWideWeb

Tim Harvey of Collierville, Tenn., senior vice-president and chief information officer with Hilton Hotels Corporation in Memphis, earned his BBA in 1980. A member of the Statesman baseball team from 1977-1980, Harvey received the prestigious Charles S. Kerg, Sr. Award in 1980, was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Omicron Delta Kappa honor society, the DSU Hall of Fame, and a First Team Academic All-American. Harvey also earned an MBA from the University of Memphis.

Under Harvey's leadership, Hilton has received numerous honors including earning a Finalist Award at Windows World Open for System21 for technology innovations in the Core Business Systems category and receiving the TELMAN award for System21, an award given to compa-

nies who achieve significant improvements in bringing people and technology together.

Due to Harvey's leadership as chief information officer, *InternetWeek* magazine recognized Hilton Hotels Corporation as the "2001 E-Business of the Year," based on the results of the magazine's second annual *InternetWeek* 100 survey. More than 400 candidates were evaluated in several critical areas, including improved relationships with customers and suppliers, and the extent of involvement in electronic marketplaces. Hilton booked more than \$300 million total online business during 2000, double the previous year's total. The Hilton Hotel Corporation develops, owns, manages or franchises approximately 1,900 hotels, resorts and vacation ownership properties in all 50 states, Mexico, and Canada.

A national and international leader in technology, Harvey was acknowledged for his contributions to the field by Bill Gates in his book *"Business at the Speed of Thought."* He has served on the advisory board for Hostec-Eurotec industry and the Quality Advisory Board for Infinium Corporation, a company that provides enterprise business solutions native to IBM eServer iSeries. Additionally in 1998, Harvey's company, nominated by the Microsoft Corporation, received the Computerworld Smithsonian Award, which recognizes first and foremost benefits to society brought on by innovative applications of technology. The prestigious award is presented annually in the National Museum Building in Washington, D.C.

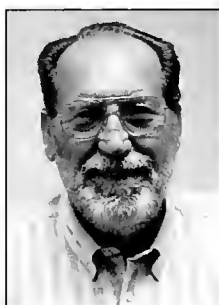
Harvey's civic leadership includes involvement in Junior Achievement, the United Way, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, as well as a volunteer coach at Briarcrest Christian School.

He is married to the former Nancy Cash and they have two sons, Bryan, a member of the Delta State baseball team, and Brandon, a student at Briarcrest Christian School.

ON TIME and UNDER BUDGET

Thanks to a Delta State alumnus the new \$1.4 billion Nissan plant in Canton, Mississippi is on time and under budget.

Joel G. Sturdivant graduated from a small country school near Vance, Mississippi, with a desire to get a college degree. After working for a year,



during which time he married Ouida Wiltshire of Vance, he enrolled in Hinds Junior College, studying drafting.

After two years working as a draftsman,

Sturdivant decided to continue his education, and changed his field to accounting. According to Sturdivant, he chose to attend what was then named Delta State College (DSC) for a number of reasons. "It was a small campus, it was close to home, it was building a reputation of having a great accounting school, and it was very affordable," he said. While attending

Delta State, he worked part time jobs at Kroger, reading gas meters, and with Bill Neal, a CPA. "I received my BA in Accounting in 1964, and my wife received a PHT (Put Hubby Through) degree," he continued.

"Professor John Yurkow taught every accounting class above the Principles class. I cannot imagine there being a better accounting professor.

There is no one who has had a greater influence on my professional career than

Mr. Yurkow. He not only taught accounting, he also instilled confidence in his students.

After a student graduated, he became a friend and supporter of each of his 'guys' and 'girls' as he referred to us."

Sturdivant joined Nissan Motor Manufacturing Company in 1994 at the Smyrna (Tenn.) production plant, the largest auto manufacturing facility under one roof in North America. He

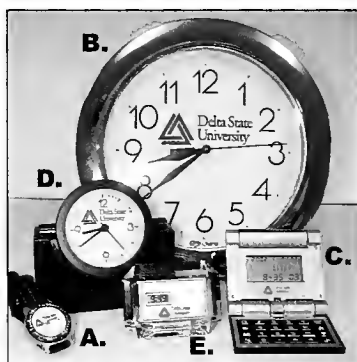
is a senior accountant in the area of Property, Plant and Equipment Accounting, which has the responsibility for all the capital assets for Nissan North America including the manufacturing plants at Smyrna, Decherd (Tenn.), and Canton. "Being from Mississippi, I was very pleased when Nissan chose Canton,

Mississippi for its \$950 million assembly facility, and again recently when the \$500 million additional expansion was announced,"

Sturdivant said. "All the capital purchased for the Canton plant is controlled, recorded and inventoried by my

office," Sturdivant said. The Mississippi plant, which is 4 million square feet, is expected to employ 5,300 workers by the end of 2004. The plant is expected to produce 400,000 vehicles per year.

"We at Nissan are excited about the Canton plant and the prosperity it will bring to Mississippi."



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He was much **MORE** *than a coach*

By David Johnson
Bolivar Commercial

On a June 15th Saturday night inside Walter Sillers Coliseum players, friends and fans paid tribute to one of the greatest men and one of the greatest coaching careers in collegiate basketball history. By all accounts it was an appropriate send-off for a man that has been king of the court in women's basketball for almost 20 years. I regret that I wasn't there due to an illness in my family, so with apologies, I'll take my turn now.

Lloyd Clark is an American hero. He once admitted to me that he sometimes gets misty-eyed during the star-spangled banner. That's the stuff heroes are made of.

Clark could have been a great general. His courtside demeanor could easily have been taken from George S. Patton's method of motivating the First Army as it marched through World War II Europe. Blood and guts for sure, but lots of hugs we the public never saw. And like Patton's charges, Clark's Lady Statesmen laid everything on the line for him during battle. And like Patton's, Clark's soldiers won and won big.

Clark caught the American dream. He once worked as a meter reader and later as a lineman for the power company. He worked nights at a factory and a tire store while he was finishing his degree at Delta State. Working for

what he got and making his own breaks, he chased down his dream in this land of opportunity.

Clark remembered where he came from. Born and raised in Drew, not 20 minutes from the Delta State campus, he earned his degree in 1970. He could have left the Delta and Delta State for probably more money and prestige on several occasions, but he never did. He was loyal to his home, his university and his players in a time where loyalty is, more often than not, a matter of convenience.

Clark is a man of principle. Never did he sacrifice principles for victories and never was that so evident than in the sunset of his career. Let it be said, that Clark never wavered on principles, no matter how difficult the choice. His resolve, and most importantly what was right, won out over all else.

Clark is a counselor. Many of his former players look upon him as a father-figure. At 61, Coach Clark is still wise beyond his years. He's helped shape the lives of many productive members of society.

Clark will be missed. His girls always seemed to find their way back to his corner office in Sillers. Sixty of them found their way back to honor him on this Saturday night. You'll never meet a Lady Statesmen player that just likes Coach Clark. They all love him, and they'll tell you so. He loves them too, and he'll tell you so.

He also loves the fans, those still with us and those that have gone on to their glory. Clark talks often about the empty seats where fans that have passed on used to sit. Their loyalty is forever endearing to him.

Coaching careers – and even life – can end, but some things endure. What Lloyd Clark accomplished at Delta State will forever be in the hearts of many a person. Enduring to the highest degree.



Solomon named Interim Director



Dr. Theodore (Ted) Solomon, a veteran faculty member and Professor of Speech and Theatre, has been named Interim Director of the Bologna Performing Arts Center.

In making the announcement, Dr. Don A. Skelton, Vice President for University Advancement stated, "We are fortunate to have Dr. Solomon accept this responsibility. His many years of experience in all aspects of theatre management will benefit us greatly as we move through this transition period of

leadership with the Center."

A 1966 graduate of Delta State, Solomon received a Masters of Arts degree from the University of Mississippi in 1968 and earned his Ph.D. in Theatre from Southern Illinois University in 1980.

For twenty-five years, Dr. Solomon directed and designed for the Delta State Theatre Department, directing over 55 major productions and designing sets for over 50 productions. During his tenure as an undergraduate and graduate faculty member, he taught a variety of Theatre courses, including Theatre History, Set Design, Acting and Creative Drama for Children. Dr. Solomon has served the Center as the Box Office Manager since its opening in 1995.

A longtime resident of Cleveland, Mississippi, Solomon and his wife, Portia, have two children and two grandchildren.

Starn named Director of University Relations

DeAnna Starn has been named Director of University Relations at Delta State University.

"During the interview process, it became obvious to all that DeAnna was an outstanding candidate and would be an excellent marketing and media relations representative for the university," says Dr. Don Skelton, Vice President for University Advancement. "We are excited to have her in this important position."

A native of Elyvia, Ohio, Starn is a 1996 graduate of Bowling Green State University. She was honored

as a student leader, and named to Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities.

Following graduation, Starn worked as an assistant/intern with ABC NEWS "Good Morning America" show in New York, serving as an assistant to Joan Lunden. From 1997-2001 she was an anchor, reporter and producer with WABG-TV in Greenville. Starn comes to Delta State

from Jackson where she served as a community director with the Central Mississippi Chapter of the March of Dimes.



Construction begins

The Mississippi Legislature recently approved the issuances of \$9.8 million in general obligation bonds for the construction of a 43,000 square foot Student Services and Administration Building.

Construction on the two-story structure, to be located north of Highway 8 between Walter Sillers Coliseum and the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni and Foundation House, began June 18.

Billy Morehead, Vice President of Business Affairs, says the new building will house student services, including Enrollment Services, Admissions, Registrar, Financial Aid, Bursar, and Continuing Education, as well as the University's administrative offices.

Dr. David Potter, President, says "we are looking forward to providing our basic student services in one location. This building will be a tremendous asset to our campus."

During construction, two portions of the north campus will be closed to the public. According to Morehead, the parking lots in front of the Alumni building and the east side of the Coliseum will be closed. The walking track and use of the old *Delta Field* football stadium will also be closed. A new parking lot will be built as part of the project and should be completed by the beginning of the 2003 basketball season.

Construction should be completed by January 2004.

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Cochran speaks to graduates



Senator Thad Cochran delivered the spring commencement address to 473 graduates where The Jack Winton Gunn Award, for overall academic excellence in honor of the former dean of the university was given to four seniors: Katie Alford, Senatobia; Brian Eads, Scobey; Ashley Combest, Greenville; and Hillary Smith, Sardis.

Administrative changes announced

At its June meeting, the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning approved administrative changes recommended by Delta State University President Dr. David Potter.

Dr. John Thornell was named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Don Skelton was named Vice President for University Advancement. Potter also announced that Dr. Myrtis Tabb, Director of the Center for Community Development (CCD), has been appointed B. F. Smith Chair for Regional Development. Tabb's replacement in the CCD, will be Dr. Brent Hales, Assistant Professor of Community Development and Sociology.

Thornell's appointment as Provost allows Potter to

give more attention to external responsibilities, most notably initiatives and federal relations, as well as to confirm the primacy of academics in the University. It also designates decision-making responsibilities in the President's absence.

The appointment of Skelton as Vice President for University Advancement allows him administrative responsibilities for the Bologna Performing Arts Center in addition to his duties in alumni/ foundation and university relations.

Tabb's additional responsibilities will focus on the President's commitment to a regional agenda for the University. Her appointment assigns a leadership role for Tabb in moving that agenda forward.

Hales has played an active leadership role in the Center for Community Development since coming to the University in 2000.



Thornell



Skelton



Tabb

Bingham and Manley receive state recognition

Josh Manley, a 2002 graduate from Southaven, and Vicki L. Bingham, Associate Professor of Nursing, recently received special recognition from the Mississippi Legislature during the 15th annual HEAD-WAE program.



Manley

A political science and history major, Manley has been a President's List Scholar for the seven semesters he has attended Delta State. He served as president, vice president and secretary-treasurer of the Student

Government Association.

The son of David and Tony Manley of Southaven, Manley also served as a Kappa Alpha Order officer and as a member of Renaissance. He holds membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, the Order of Omega, Pi Gamma Mu, and Gamma Beta Phi honor societies. Manley is now attending University of Mississippi Law School.

Bingham, a member of the faculty since 1989, was honored for her effectiveness in teaching, ability to motivate students, relationships with students in and out of the classroom, availability to students, professional activities, and attitude toward teaching and stu-



Bingham

Nursing Alumni Chapter; named Mississippi Association of Student Nurses Advisor of Research Society; Sigma Theta Tau, Pi Xi Chapter at Delta State; and a Governor's appointee to the State Infant Mortality Task Force.

dents.

She was selected as the Graduate Student of the Year, 1995-96 by the University of Mississippi Medical Center's

Delta Center hosts Harvard Scholars

Dr. Luther Brown, Director of the Delta Center for Culture and Learning, states the mission of the



Center is to promote a broad understanding of the history and culture of the Mississippi Delta.

"One way that the Center tries to do this is by working with

classes that visit the area from other universities. In some cases, these classes come to DSU specifically because they are invited to the Center," he says, adding, "in other cases, schools have offered courses focused on Delta culture for years without any contact with Delta State."

For example, the University of Virginia offers a class on the blues lyrics of Robert Johnson, and The University of Pennsylvania has offered a lengthy field trip through the Delta on several occasions, but neither school has had contacts with DSU in the past.

As the Delta Center becomes better known around the United States, more and more classes that study the Delta are taking advantage of its ability to help arrange field trips.

Recently, the Delta Center hosted a group of 17 students from the

University of Michigan, who stayed in the Delta for three days. Their history class, which focused on the civil rights activities of the 1960's, had not intended to stop in the Delta at all, but members changed their plans after hearing about the Delta Center," Brown explains.

A graduate Landscape Architecture class from Harvard diverted from its planned itinerary, and spent the afternoon in Cleveland so that the students could learn more about the Delta as part of their study of the Mississippi River. After learning about it through the Delta Center, the students attended the Greenville gallery opening for Delta State artist Kathleen Robbins.

"The Harvard students' instructor, Anu Mathur, is the author of one of the texts that is used in the Delta State class, *The River*, and their whole class was very enthusiastic after learning of this class," says Brown, who, along with Dr. Henry Outlaw and Dorothy Shawhan, serves as instructors of The River class. Mathur says that next year's group would spend more time at DSU so its members could interact with our students.

A class of 15 recently arrived from Vanderbilt University on a service learning expedition. They had not intended to stay in

Cleveland, but changed their plans and spent a week after they heard about the Delta Center and its service learning initiatives.

"The Delta Center will continue to recruit new classes and learning groups to the Delta. We are working with a class on River Ecology from Cedarcrest College in Pennsylvania, and hope to present another version of the Blues class that George Mason University has sent to the Delta previously," he continues.

"All of these courses allow students to experience the issues, places and people that they would otherwise simply read about or be told about during lectures," he says, and it is this kind of learning that is always more exciting because of its intense immediacy. It provides a more memorable and more diverse encounter with the topics understudy than the normal classroom, and it is also a good way for those who live in the Delta to tell our region's story.

This is also good for Delta State because it leads to interaction and potential engagement with other schools around the nation. This connection may have benefits to our own faculty and students, and at a minimum, it brings recognition and credibility to our programs.

For more information on the Delta Center for Culture and Learning, call 662-846-4311.

Outstanding faculty & staff members recognized

Sammy Britt, Professor of Art, is the 2012 recipient of the S.E.



Kossman Sr.

Outstanding Faculty Award. Britt, who recently retired, had 35 years of service to the University. The late Mr. Kossman was a long-time friend of

the University and his son, Ed Kossman, Jr., and family established the award in 1983.

Elsie Lynn Ervin, director of housing, is the recipient of the H.L. Nowell Outstanding Support Staff Award, an award initiated by the Administrative Staff Council for an extraordinary staff member. Funded by Mr. Nowell's family, the award is



named after H.L. Nowell, Director Emeritus of the Union and a former staff member who exemplified the dedication and concern of others

that is desirable in the recipient. Mr. Nowell served Delta State for almost 40 years in many different capacities.

Furlow named Chief Information Officer

Michael Furlow, a 1980 graduate who now resides in Randolph, Mass., has been named chief information officer at Allied Domecq Quick Service Restaurants (ADQSR), home of 10,000 Dunkin' Donuts, Baskin-Robbins and Togo's stores worldwide.

As CIO, Furlow is responsible for partnering with the executive and senior leadership at ADQSR to address the complex knowledge, technology and systems needs that impact all aspects of the company's retail and corporate business.

Prior to joining Allied Domecq

QSR, Furlow was chief information officer at Einstein Noah Bagel Corporation, where he designed and built the company's IT functions, systems and processes, and led the successful implementation of the company's retail technology systems. In addition, Furlow has garnered broad quick service restaurant experience as vice president of information systems for Metromedia

Restaurant Group, restaurant systems development for T.G.I. Friday's, Inc. and as an analyst and programmer for Southland Corporation.



Scott wins honors

W. Darnell Scott, a 1985 graduate in business management, is currently employed as a Market Business Consultant with Allstate Insurance Company/ Allstate Financial Services, LLC. Scott is the consultant for the Southern

Region/ District 13, which includes the Mississippi Delta. He received National Conference Honors with Allstate in 2000.



Scott was previously employed for 14 years by The Peoples Bank & Trust Co., in Tupelo. He held the post of assistant vice president/ branch officer in the lending department. He is a lifetime member of the Delta State University Alumni Association, and in 1999 received the Kent Wyatt Young Alumnus Award.

Scott has been married 12 years to wife Carol. They have a daughter, Charity, 11, and a son, Chandler, 7.

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An alumni magazine is unique in that it keeps its readers informed about a place that has special meaning in their lives. As we produce *Delta State: The Magazine for Alumni and Friends*, we want to find out your preferences. We look forward to your comments.

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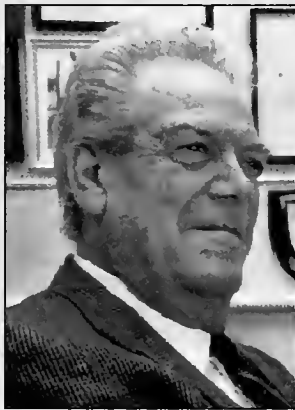


Delta State Teachers College's first graduate, "Molly" Bedwell, passed away on September 15, 2001 in Harrisonburg, Va. Pictured above with President Kethley receiving the first diploma from DSTC.

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Merrill named Park Professor

Dr. John C. Merrill, a 1949 graduate of Delta State, has been named the Park Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the spring 2003 semester. He is scheduled to teach a graduate seminar on media ethics. Merrill is an internationally recognized expert on media ethics. A discussion of some of his ideas can be found in a text used now by journalism students at Delta State.



Carolina this year. Additionally, he has lectured at eight American universities and at the University of Tampere, Finland, since his departure from his post at Missouri.

Merrill has lectured in approximately 50 countries, and at least 70 American universities. He is the author or co-author of more than 20 books, including *Existential Journalism* and *The Imperative of Freedom*. He is married to the former Dorothy Lee Jefferson

(originally of Inverness), who was director of the Baptist Student Union when the couple married in 1948. The Merrills have five children and eight grandchildren.

Merrill was recognized as Delta State's Outstanding Alumnus at Homecoming in 1971.

Russell named Executive Vice President

For the last two decades Jeff Russell has worked as a strategic marketing planner for a variety of accounts focusing on bringing creative solutions to marketing problems primarily in the fields of financial, healthcare and economic development.



Russell, of Clinton, graduated in 1980 with a BFA in commercial design. He began his advertising career as a staff artist at a small agency in Mississippi, but seeking to build his understanding of advertising and marketing, he returned to Delta State where he

received an MBA with an emphasis in marketing in 1982. Russell was hired by GodwinGroup in 1985, became a stockholder in 1990 and assumed responsibility for the agency's second account management/account service component in 1992.

As executive vice president of account services, Russell manages a staff of over 20 account managers. He is on the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement and is married to the former Teresa Oltremari, a 1982 graduate.

Green appointed

Clarksdale accountant Donald Green has been appointed to the Mississippi State Tax Commission. Green, a 1980 graduate, currently serves as the fiscal officer for the Mississippi Delta Council. He is



also the owner of Delta Accounting Services in Clarksdale.

The tax commission is made up of a chairman and three commissioners, all of

whom are appointed for six-year terms.

Shepherd rises to top

When Rick Shepherd's name first appeared on the Faulkner Pipe payroll 32 years ago, he was earning



\$1.65 an hour to cut weeds with a sling blade. This December, he will have owned the company for 16 years.

Shepherd, who graduated in 1977 with a degree in marketing, even worked for the Greenville firm when he was home on leave during a hitch in the Marines. The Faulkner company liked him that much.

"When I went to work here, I was hired for three weeks – temporary," Shepherd says, looking back. His firm, which currently does quite a bit of business selling supplies needed by municipal water systems, has been in business for more than 40 years overall. After his service with the Marines concluded, Faulkner Pipe made him a good offer to lure him back to the Delta and to Delta State University.

Alumni *News*

HBO to air film featuring Barnes

Reginald Barnes, who completed his undergraduate work in 1974 and received a Master of Education degree in 1980, is featured in a documentary film scheduled to air Sept. 18 on HBO.

Barnes, now superintendent of schools for the Cleveland School District, was superintendent for the West Tallahatchie district when Susan Froemke, Deborah Dickson and Albert Maysles made

"Lalee's Kin: The Legacy of Cotton," which examines the poverty against which a Tallahatchie County family struggles, as well as chronicling Barnes' fight to get the West Tallahatchie schools off state probation. The film was nominated for an Oscar, and won an award for excellence in

cinematography at the Sundance Film Festival. It is increasingly being used as a workshop tool by professionals working for community action agencies, Barnes says.



"Until we address the household, we're not going to be able to properly teach the child," Barnes said during a recent interview, explaining what crucial points the film touches on. He also stressed problems within public schools in

Mississippi, such as "the lack of adequate and certified teachers ... and the lack of sufficiently equipped libraries in schools."

"Under these conditions, it is extremely difficult to educate a young child," Barnes said.

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2002 Outstanding alumnus

Jeff Ross Capwell



Jeff Ross Capwell will be honored at the Alumni Association's Homecoming Luncheon on October 26 as Delta State University's Outstanding Alumnus for 2002.

A native of Fulton, Capwell graduated from then Delta State College in 1960

with a Bachelor of Science degree in Music. He was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and was elected to the DSU Music Hall of Fame in 1982. He later earned his Master of Music Education from Mississippi State University and has an advanced graduate degree from Harvard Business School. He also participated in studies at Magdalene College of Cambridge University in England. Following graduation from Delta State, Capwell was the band director and instrumental music teacher in three schools (Clarksdale, Greenwood, and Lake Charles, La.) during a 12-year span. He was honored as the recipient of the state's Outstanding Young Teacher's Award in 1968.

In 1972, Capwell began work as a sales representative for Henco, Inc. of Selmer, Tenn. He quickly moved from sales manager to executive vice president to president of the company in a few short years. In 1984, he became part owner of National Community Services (NCS) and gained

ownership in 1985. Capwell currently serves as Chairman and CEO for NCS, a diversified magazine agency with annual sales in excess of \$25 million. He also owns Cambridge Marketing, LLC, in Selmer, Tennessee.

Active in civic and professional activities, Capwell is a member of Opera Memphis Board of Trust, past member of the South Memphis and Selmer Rotary Clubs, and a member of Chickasaw Country Club and Old Waverly Golf Club. Appointed by the Governor, he currently serves as Tennessee's Executive Committee member to the Southern Growth Policies Board.

A long-time supporter, Capwell established the Jeff Ross Capwell Endowed Music Scholarship Program in 1981. To date, some 110 students have been awarded music scholarships to attend Delta State. In addition, the center lobby of the Bologna Performing Arts Center is named in honor of Capwell. "Jeff has supported Delta State since his graduation," says Dr. Don Skelton, Vice President for University Advancement. "His loyalty to both the university and especially the music department has remained constant. We are most indebted to him for not only his generous support, but also for the leadership he provides for the university."

A member of Delta State's Inner Circle Society and the Quadrangle Oak (Planned Giving) Society, Capwell is serving his second term as a member of the DSU Foundation Board of Directors.

Capwell resides in Memphis with his wife Jacqueline, a 1961 graduate of Delta State. They are the parents of two children, Elizabeth and J. Ross III.

Other Homecoming Award Recipients

being honored are Carolyn Manning, recipient of the Hugh Ellis Walker Service Award, Caroline Gaines, Gladys Castle "Friend of Delta State University" Service Award, and Spring Heflin, Kent Wyatt Young Alumnus Service Award.

Homecoming Luncheon tickets may be purchased at the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni House or by calling (662) 846-4705.



Manning



Gaines



Heflin

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 25

- 10:00 a.m.** Foundation Board Meeting
12:00 noon Alumni and Foundation Board Luncheon
1:30 p.m. Alumni Board Meeting
4:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade
5:30 p.m. Induction of the Golden Circle & Dinner for the Class of 1952 (Classes of 1928-1951 included) - *Cleveland Country Club*
6:00 p.m. "M" Club Reunion - Registration & Refreshments
Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni House

Saturday, October 26

- 8:30 a.m.** Accounting Alumni Breakfast-
Union Sunset Room
9:00-11:30 Alumni Registration Union 1st Floor Lobby
9:00-11:30 Koffee Klatch-Union 2nd Floor West Lobby
 Refreshments for classes of 1932, 1942, 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992
10:20 a.m. Renaissance Entertainment - *Front of H.L. Nowell Union*
10:30 a.m. Athletic Alumni Association -
 General Meeting *H.L. Nowell Union-3rd Floor*
11:00 a.m. Pep Rally with Cheerleaders & Band - *Quadrangle*
12:00 noon Homecoming Luncheon recognizing 2002 Outstanding Alumnus & Service Award Recipients - *H.L. Nowell Union State Room* (\$10.00 per person)
12:00-3:00 "M" Club Reunion & Tailgating - *Shumate Park*
3:00 p.m. **FOOTBALL GAME -**
DSU vs. Henderson State
 Halftime Show and crowning of the 2002 Homecoming Queen at *Parker Field*
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"M" Club Reunion

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1967 "M" Club Sweetheart,
 Janice Arrington (right)





Lopez sets high goals for herself... achieves them

By Robert H. Smith

Ruth Ann Lopez is making substance of her dreams, nursing cancer patients during 12-hour shifts at the Greenwood (Miss.) Leflore Hospital.

"I just really didn't think I was going to do that right after school," she says, explaining she wanted to work with oncology patients but thought she would have to wait awhile for the opportunity. So she commutes from Cleveland to Greenwood and back, offering vital support to patients fighting for their lives.

Lopez, who graduated in May 2002 with a degree in nursing, has known from childhood what vocation she would choose. She drew inspiration from her grandmother, Augustina Lopez of Merigold, who worked as a "sitter," caring for the ill.

"Oh, yes. I've always known that," Lopez replies in a heartbeat, when asked if she had any idea what major she wanted to pursue when she started college. "I've always known what I wanted to do." These words spring lightly, cheerfully through the telephone connection, from a young woman who confesses later in an interview that she is uncomfortable talking so much about herself.

Lopez' desire to tend to the critically afflicted is encouraging in itself, but there is more: She is the first of her immediate family to graduate from college. Her story is evidence that Delta State, now 77 years old, continues to reach out to students and families not previously served by Mississippi's institutions of

higher learning.

Penney Gong, who has been university registrar about a year but has worked in the Registrar's Office for more than a quarter century, says a



Dr. Potter (left) Robert E. Smith (right)

certain "positiveness" often results when a student becomes the first member of his or her family to earn a college degree.

"It gives

incentive to the others (in the family) who may not have thought that college was for them," Gong says. She points out, however, that the availability of financial assistance is often a crucial element in a student's attempt to become the first college graduate, or a member of the first generation of college graduates, produced by a family.

Delta State, like universities and colleges throughout the nation, offers various forms of public financial assistance, as well as scholarships endowed by private donors. While public aid speaks for the depth of the nation's commitment to making higher education broadly available, the bonds between private donors and deserving students can be the wellsprings of special friendships. The interest that Robert E. Smith, a Cleveland-area retired farmer, has taken in Lopez' academic progress is a handy example.

Smith, who serves on the Board of Directors of the Delta State University Foundation and the Board of Directors of the local Wesley Foundation, has helped provide financial support for several Delta State students, giving a total of four scholarships annually to the university. During Lopez' course of study at DSU, she has received both scholarship funds and additional expense money to cover school costs. She says Smith's scholarship investment in her

effort provided extra incentive to perform well in class.

For his part, Smith attributes his commitment to Delta State students to divine influence. "I'm just doing it because I figured I'm trying to carry out some of the Lord's work," he says.

In that spirit of generosity, Smith shares with Jimmy Ray pride in the accomplishments of Lopez. She worked for Ray, the proprietor of Delta Cream Donut Shop, while still in high school, and Ray knew the youth had academic aspirations.

Ray, whose shop along Highway 61 is a predawn haven for those craving sugar, newspapers or a friendly greeting, says he looks forward to reading in these pages about his former employee.

It doesn't take too much work, though, to turn up stories similar to that of Lopez. In Bailey Hall, alongside the The Quadrangle, one can find Tyrone Jackson, associate director of housing and residence life. Mr. Jackson is a doctoral candidate and a veritable apostle of the benefits of higher education. He is also the first person in his immediate family to graduate from a university.

"It was a given, by my parents, that I was going to college," he says, reflecting on his childhood in the riverside town of Rosedale, where he graduated in 1989 from Rosedale High School. Mr. Jackson also credits Dr. Ross Story, a professor of behavioral sciences at Delta State, with inspiring him.

"I always looked up to him ... I had the utmost respect for him," Jackson says of Story. In turn,



Ruth Ann and family at graduation

Ruth Ann and her grandmother

Jackson now actively looks for opportunities to serve as a role model for youngsters.

"I find myself trying to instill in those young people that this (the university) is the place you need to be," he says. "If I can do it, they can do it. By no means was I always the smartest one in the classroom."

Mr. Jackson seems acutely aware that students may be disheartened by setbacks in the classroom. "There are going to be obstacles that are placed before you," he says, but he emphasizes that Delta State does everything it can to respond to students' needs and problems.

"We always go the extra mile," Jackson says. "When students come here, they are not just social security numbers."

Delta State's size of 4,012 students and its commitment to encouraging the practice of excellent teaching in undergraduate courses are among its most attractive characteristics. These conditions help to create an atmosphere of community that graduates from different eras speak of independently of one another.

Louis Baioni, a Shaw native who graduated from Delta State in the mid-1950s with a degree in business administration, recalls that he received "a great amount of time from the teachers" during his course of study. Baioni, though semi-retired, keeps an active hand in business as CEO and owner of Baioni Investments, in Memphis, Tenn. He has other business interests as well.

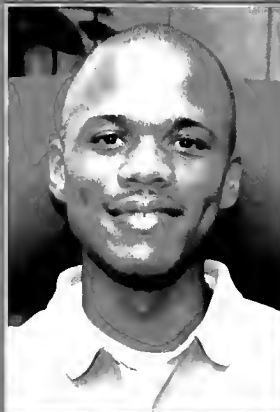
Baioni, who was a member of the first generation of children in his family who went on to graduate from college, earned his Certified Public Accountant certificate and practiced for about 10 years as a public accountant.

"There is no substitute for a higher education," Baioni says, explaining that the measure of success he achieved in business allowed him to enjoy a better life and give back to Delta State.

"I think Delta State's a great school. God only knows how many people are probably saying the same thing I'm say-



Lopez



Jackson



Baioni



Hopkins

ing," he adds.

Alben N. "Al" Hopkins, who graduated from Delta State in the early 1960s and now practices law with the firm of Hopkins, Barvie and Hopkins in Gulfport, also commented on the "personalized education" he received as an undergraduate in Cleveland.

"In fact, many of the faculty became my lifelong friends," Hopkins says. "One of my dearest friends in my life was Dr. William LaForge. He was one of the finest professors I'd ever been trained under." LaForge, the late dean of arts and sciences, earned a reputation among generations of Delta State undergraduates for insisting on thorough, rigorous scholarship.

Hopkins, who attended Delta State on an athletic scholarship, was a point guard on the Statesman basketball squad. He was among the first generation of his family to complete college degrees. He attributes his interest in education to his father, who took college classes but was unable to finish a degree.

"My father was extremely interested in higher education, but he just couldn't afford it," Hopkins said. What circumstances prevented the father from obtaining, however, he urged his children to pursue. Hopkins said his father "demanded really that we seek higher education."

Thus, the experiences of Al Hopkins, Louis Baioni, Tyrone Jackson and Ruth Lopez fit into a continuum, as aspects of the unfolding story of a still-young university, growing into the region it gradually does more and more to serve. These accounts highlight the powerful expectations that families have as they encourage and invest in the educations of their young, as well as the enduring interest in giving something back to their alma maters and their communities that graduates carry forward into their working lives.

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Schooler Memorial Scholarship established



Mrs. Albert Schooler, of Shelby, has established an endowed scholarship fund, The Doug Schooler Memorial Baseball Scholarship Fund.

Named in memory of her son, a 1967 Delta State graduate and former Statesman baseball team member, the scholarship is to be awarded annually to a player selected by the Delta State coaching staff.

Mrs. Schooler provided an endowment, from which the interest will be used to

fund the scholarship.

Doug Schooler was a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he graduated from Withrow High School. Following his graduation, he served three years in the U. S. Army in Berlin, Germany, working in security and administration. After his release from active duty, Schooler attended Delta State College, majoring in business administration and social science.

At Delta State, he was named to the Dean's List for academic excellence three times. Active in extra-curricular activities, Schooler served as vice president of the Veterans Club, corresponding secretary of the "M" Club, member of Circle K, and member of Pi Gamma Mu, the National Social Science Honorary Society.

Following graduation from Delta State in 1967, Schooler joined the staff of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce as Assistant Manager. He died the following year of cancer at the age of 27.

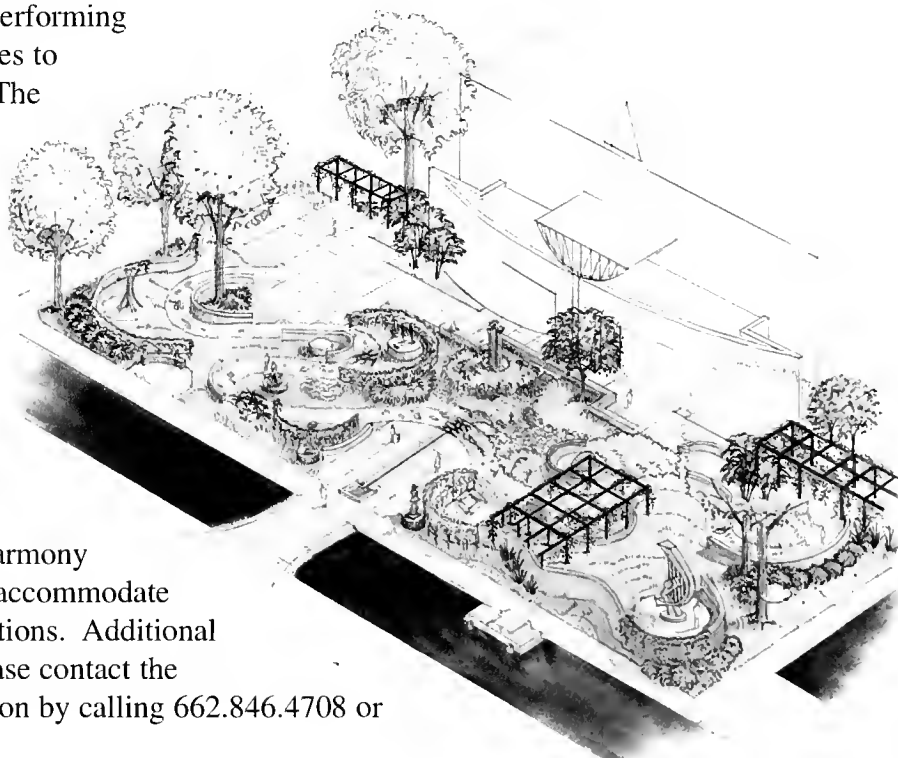
Wilson Scholarship endowed



"I was fortunate that Ray and Jo Wilson took me under their wing in 1960 when I began Delta State as a scrawny, freshman football player," said Parks Johnson when asked why he and others were leading the way in endowing a scholarship in honor of the Wilsons. "I had just about flunked out when Ray talked me into switching my major from Physical Education to Mathematics. The loving support and encouragement I received from the Wilsons changed my life." Gifts to the scholarship may be sent to Box 3141, Cleveland, MS 38733.

Sculpture Garden named for Hazel and Jimmy Sanders

Since opening in 1995, the Bologna Performing Arts Center has provided arts experiences to enrich lives and expand imaginations. The next extension of the University in the cultural side of life is an outdoor showcase for creativity- a sculpture garden. The venue will be named the Hazel and Jimmy Sanders Sculpture Garden in recognition of the generous financial support of the project from Mrs. Sanders and family. Located directly in front of the Bologna Performing Arts Center, the Sanders Sculpture Garden will be designed in harmony with the Center's architecture, and will accommodate both permanent and traveling art exhibitions. Additional naming opportunities are available. Please contact the Development Office for more information by calling 662.846.4708 or email kfulcher@deltastate.edu.



Delta State University PHILANTHROPY

Fifth Annual Quadrangle Oak Society Reception held

The Fifth Annual Quadrangle Oak Society Reception was held Saturday, April 6 to honor alumni and friends who have named the University as a beneficiary to their estate. Members and guests were treated to dinner at the President's home followed by a performance of "Beauty and the Beast" by the BalletMet Columbus at the Bologna Performing Arts Center. Pictured are members of the Quadrangle Oak Society and their guests who were able to attend the reception. To become a member call 662.846.4708.



The Sanders family of Cleveland is one of the earliest supporters of the University's efforts to secure planned gifts. Hazel Sanders, wife of deceased member Jimmy Sanders, is pictured with Ned Mitchell, president of the DSU Foundation.



Dr. Andy Jones (left), retired professor of education, endowed a scholarship in memory of his wife, Libby, and will further endow the scholarship through a life insurance policy. Andy is pictured with Dr. Don A. Skehon.



Arthur Johnston is co-chair of the Planned Giving Task Force formed recently to help promote and market bequests to the University. He and wife, Beverly, are 1989 graduates of the University.



Frank Sibley, a member of the DSU Foundation Board of Directors, and Dr. Kent Wyatt, co-chair of the Planned Giving Task Force, visit during the reception.



John Alexander of Oxford and Mrs. Frances Wong visit during the reception. John and Mrs. Wong, both members of the Quadrangle Oak Society, attend the same church in Cleveland and have known each other for many years.



Ned Mitchell thanks Keith Dockery McLean for representing the Estate of Judge Lucy Somerville. Judge Lucy provided substantial support through her will for programs at the Charles W. Capps, Jr. Archives and Museum.



Roy Wiley, retired professor of physics, recently established the Roy Wiley Trust to provide income to him and his family for fifteen years. Mr. Wiley also created a Life Estate by gifting his personal residence to the University, but retaining the right to live in his home for life.



Sarialie Heard of Cleveland endowed two scholarships for students majoring in Special Education. Her plans are to further grow the endowments and create additional scholarships through an estate gift. The Walker-Line-Heard Scholarship was first awarded in 1978 to Betty Rickard of Oxford.



Dr. Wyatt thanks member Liz Redd who has designated a percentage of her Baxter Healthcare retirement plan to the University.

(Right) Marketing professor Elise Jenkins has designated a portion of her Delta State life insurance to the University. Elise, pictured with her mother Kathryn Dreaden, was a founding member of the planned giving committee that created the Quadrangle Oak Society in 1995.



Delta State University PHILANTHROPY

Delta State loses friend and benefactor



Delta State University lost a friend and benefactor on July 11 when Mrs. Aureola Boyd of Cleveland passed away at the age of 94. In October 2001, Mrs. Boyd made a \$100,000 gift to

the University, which in part was used to establish a \$10,000 Challenge Gift to help stimulate giving from alumni and friends. She was a charter member of the University's planned giving club, The Quadrangle Oak Society. The Delta State family will always be thankful to Mrs. Boyd for fulfilling her desire to help financially needy students obtain a college education. (see Fall 2001 issue, page 20 and Spring 2002 issue, page 18 for news about Mrs. Boyd's life.)

Cotton Scholarship awarded



Rebecca Seawright (right) a sophomore English major from Greenwood is the 2002 recipient of the Weaver Betts Cotton Scholarship. Dr. Patsy Thrash, Class of 1957, (third from left) endowed the scholarship in 1997 in memory of her mother who established a WPA town library and recreation center in Boyle during the Great Depression. Ms. Cotton worked as a ward clerk in the Bolivar County Hospital. Dr. Thrash spoke at the Honors Day program and was joined for lunch by Ashley Combest (left), the 2001 recipient, and Dorothy Shawhan, chair, Department of Languages and Literature.

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Rhoades aligns staff, moves forward

Coach Rick Rhoades has hired and aligned his staff, wrapped up recruiting, and is looking forward to the 2002 football season.

Internal staff changes involved promoting Cody Gross, last year's offensive coordinator, to Assistant Head Coach and appointing Steve Vowell to Director of Football Operations. "Gross will take on more responsibility in the total aspect of the football program and Vowell will oversee the nuts and bolts of the day to day operations," says Rhoades. Gross also retains his responsibilities as the running backs' and quarterbacks' coach.

Rhoades will assume the responsibilities of defensive coordinator and Sean Cannon will be the Statesmen defensive line coach with Carlton Buckles coaching the defensive secondary.

New to the staff is offensive coordinator



Rhoades

Joel Williams. "We got a gem when we got Joel," says Rhoades. "The two things that stand out with me are that he is a great match with current coaches and he brings a wealth of football

experience with him."

A former coach with the Birmingham Fire of the World Football League and offensive coordinator at Samford University, Williams comes to Delta State from Gadsden, Alabama where he served as head coach at Gadsden High School.

2002 Football Schedule

Aug. 31	N.W. Louisiana State
Sept. 14	Miss. Valley State
Sept. 21	Valdosta State
Sept. 28	WEST ALABAMA*
Oct. 5	WEST GEORGIA
Oct. 12	Arkansas Tech
Oct. 19	Southern Arkansas
Oct. 26	HENDERSON STATE**
Nov. 2	Harding
Nov. 9	Ouachita Baptist
Nov. 16	ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO

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Lady Statesmen garner honors

Softball players, Teresa Anderson and Joy Long, earned spots on the 2002 Verizon Academic All-American squad. Anderson, a senior catcher/first baseman from Indianapolis, Ind., earned a 3.65 GPA as a Real Estate major. Long, a sophomore catcher from Oxford, Florida, had a 3.57 GPA as a Physical Education major.

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) announced that three Lady Statesmen were voted to the NCAA South All-Region team. Named were Leslie Pouciau, junior outfielder from Denham Springs, La., Nicki Genri, senior pitcher from Baton Rouge, La. and Joy Long.

Jordan recognized nationally

Dr. Jim Jordan has been recognized as one of the 25 winners of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics AD of the Year award. Jordan was named as the top NCAA Division II Athletic Director for the Southeastern United States.



In accepting the award, Jordan said, "This award signals the fact that Delta State's program is among the best in the nation and is a tribute to our coaches and the outstanding

job they do." Jordan has been Director of Athletics at Delta State since 1987. During his watch, the Statesmen have captured four National Championships and 27 Western Division and overall Gulf South Conference Championships.

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Whitaker swims away with National Title



Justin Whitaker capped off an outstanding season by swimming his way into history at the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving National Championships.

Whitaker won Delta State's first-ever individual national championship in swimming, taking top honors in the 100-yard backstroke with an outstanding time of 48.95 seconds.

Whitaker and the men's team finished 12th in the nation while the women's team finished 21st at the national meet in Orlando, Fla.

The Collegiate Swimming Coaches Association of America named the DSU men's swimming team Academic All-Americans with the nation's highest cumulative GPA of 3.19.

Statesmen advance to World Series

For the second time in as many seasons, the Delta State baseball squad recorded a 50-win season and won the NCAA Division II South Central Region, as well as earned a berth in the College World Series. It was their eighth overall trip to the NCAA Championships.

Faced with the challenge of having to win the regional to advance, the Statesmen took advantage of hosting the tournament at friendly

Ferriss Field, defeating top-seeded Abilene Christian 3-2 in the championship game with senior first baseman Steven Tomaszewski being named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

For their efforts, third baseman Andy Dillard, pitcher Jay Garner, and head Coach Mike Kinnison were named the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) South Central Region's

Player, Pitcher and Coach of the Year.

Dillard, the Gulf South Conference Player of the Year, and Garner were further rewarded for their seasonal accomplishments as both were named ABCA All-Americans. In addition, Garner was recognized for his accomplishments off the field as he was also named to the Academic All-American squad.

Jones, Bright receive Kerg Award

Leah Jones (left) of Brandon, and Josh Bright (right) of



Batesville, were recognized as recipients of the Charles S. Kerg Senior Athlete Award for 2001-2002 at the annual

Delta State athletic awards banquet. Named to honor the memory of Kerg, long-time sports editor for the Greenville *Delta Democrat Times*, the award is given to the top male and female senior student-athlete each year.

2002 Sports Hall of Fame inductees



Pictured from l-r: Mike Kinnison, Wilbur Myers, Burnadette McDonald, Eddie "Scooter" Tucker, Doug Sullivan (Distinguished Statesman Honoree), James Burkley, Stewart Cliburn and Mike Vincent

1982 baseball reunion set



A reunion of the 1982 baseball team will be held on Saturday, September 28th. A

noon luncheon at the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni-Foundation House followed by a meeting with the 2003 Statesmen team, on-the-field introductions, and inner-squad game. Attendees will also have an opportunity to participate in the annual Pig Pickin' activities prior to the 7 p.m. football game.

The 1982 Statesmen enjoyed a memorable season, finishing with a 41-19 record, a South Central Region championship, and a third-place finish in the NCAA Division II World Series in Riverside, California.

Softball squad makes history



Kuhn

The Lady Statesmen softball team made history in 2002 as they received the school's first regional bid but also established one of the best overall records (42-17) in school history by earning a spot in the NCAA Division II South Region Tournament in Miami Shores, Florida while their 42 wins tied an earlier mark by the 1996 softball team..

Head Coach David Kuhn has guided DSU to a 131-90 record.

Leading the way for the Lady Statesmen was one of the nation's top pitchers, Nicki Genri. She finished the season with a 35-9 record and was named the Western Division Player of the Year. Genri finished the year as Delta State's career leader in wins with 85.

Rushing named Lady Statesmen coach

DSU Athletic Director Dr. Jim Jordan has announced the hiring of



Rushing

Sandra Rushing as the next head coach of the Lady Statesmen basketball program. Rushing is the eighth women's basketball coach in school history, assuming the

reins of leadership from Coach Lloyd Clark who is retiring after 19 seasons.

"I am very excited and thank Dr. Potter and Dr. Jordan for the opportunity they have given me," says Rushing. "This is a dream come true."

Rushing comes to Delta State from GSC competitor, Henderson State, where she served as head coach, compiling a 13-13-record. Prior to coming

to Henderson, Rushing spent 11 seasons as the head women's basketball coach at Texas El Paso. Her 123 wins during this period were the most wins in school history by a UTEP women's coach. Named Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1997, Rushing was inducted into the UTEP Women's Hall of Fame in 1999.

Rushing got her college coaching start as a graduate assistant for Coach Clark at Delta State from 1986-1988. Prior to coming Delta State, she was a member of the Alabama women's basketball team where she established a school record as UA's all-time leader in Free Throw Percentage and earned All-Academic SEC honors. Rushing graduated from Alabama with a BS in Physical Education in 1986 and earned her Masters degree in HPER from Delta State in 1988.

Moore to remain as women's basketball assistant

Head Coach Sandra Rushing has announced that Scottie Moore will remain as a full-time assistant coach with the Lady Statesmen basketball program.

A native of Senatobia, Miss. Moore has been with program for the past eight years. A stellar performer while a player, she played for the Lady Statesmen from 1994-1998, helping lead the team to two Elite Eight appearances. During her tenure as a graduate assistant and full-time assistant the Lady Statesmen captured four consecutive GSC Championships and two NCAA South region titles.

With the *Classes*



Robinson

1962

H. Seymour Robinson, III is the Director of Administration & Finance at GLO-MAC Technology, Inc. in Charlotte, N.C.

1963

Frank McClellan, of West Helena, Ark. was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

1965

Donna Dye, director of the Old Capitol Museum since 1992, retired March 31 after twenty-six years of dedicated service to the Department.



Boatner

1968

Jerry W. Boatner, from Collinsville, was selected for the East Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame and also the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame.

1969

Ken Sheppard is a residential real estate sales agent with Virginia Cook Realtors of Dallas, Tex.

1971

Susie Steed has been promoted to assistant vice president at Trustmark in the corporate training department in Jackson.

Wayne Tisdale has been promoted to executive vice president of Agency Development at Stewart Sneed Hewes/BancorpSouth in Gulfport.

John Tagler, from Tampa, Fla., is a pharmacist with Merck-Medco Rx Services and a varsity level football official.

1972

Emalie Musick Endsley is a Family Nurse Practitioner at Cardiologists of Lubbock in Lubbock, Tex.

Sue Patterson was selected as outstanding woman of the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, president of her Homeowners Association, and was also elected president of the Franconia Museum in Alexandria, Va.

1973

Ronnie Tubertini, of Greenville, has been named CEO of SouthGroup Insurance and Financial Services.

Rickey Clopton, of Wesson, is a new board member for Hinds Community College in Jackson.



Brannon

1974

Brenda Brannon has been named 2001-2002 teacher of the year in Desoto County and Sullivan Elementary in Southaven.

1975

Fred Carl, Jr., Viking Range Corp. President was inducted into the Leflore County Hall of Fame in Greenwood. He was named their Outstanding Citizen for 2002 and to the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame.

1976

Ronnie W. Robertson is the new General Manager for Delta Electric Power Association in Greenwood.

1977

Robbie Brawner-Ouzts is the Assistant Dean of Student Development/Director of Career Services at Oglethorpe University in Smyrna, Ga.

1979

Ann Bonner Huber is chair of the Chemistry and Physics department at Starkville Academy, in Starkville.

1982

Glenn K. Brown has been elected to a three-year term on the DSU Foundation Board of Directors.

1983

David K. Adams is a Realtor in Panama City Beach, Fla.

1988

Teresa M. Powell is the Director of NARC/Admissions at Lakeside Behavioral Health System in Memphis, Tenn.

1989

Arthur S. Johnston, III is the senior policy analyst, SERVE with Mississippi Department of Education in Jackson.

With the *Classes*

Shannon Long is the patient care coordinator of Hospice South of Meridian.

Dr. David H. Brantley is a pediatric dentist with Pediatric Dental Specialist in Augusta, Ga.

1990

Sherry S. Dean received her master's degree in Elementary Education from Mississippi College.



Morgan

1991

Connie Morgan is a paralegal with Butler, Snow Attorneys in Jackson.

Wayne Ray is a realtor with Meeler Real Estate in Jackson, and recently earned the GRI and E-PRO real estate designations.

1992

Kelly Causey has joined the football staff at the University of North Alabama in Florence, Ala.

D. Ross Ward is an orthopaedic surgeon with Laurel Bone & Joint Clinic, P.A. in Laurel.

Norm Goering has received the Spotlight Award for outstanding job performance at SkyTel Communications in Brandon.

Janet Ray, from Indianola, received her National Board Certification in Early Childhood Generalist.

1993

David L. Parker, is president and CEO of the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce in Amory.

Robert Hylander is a pilot, currently employed with UPS in Canton.

Ricky Smither is an instructor, football and golf coach at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena.

Renee Bigelow has joined The Hearst Corporation's Broadcast division, Hearst-Argyle Television, as Director of Station Initiatives for WDSU-TV in New Orleans, La.

John H. Frechette is a Home Loan Consultant for Countywide Home Loans in Charlotte, N.C.

James Johnson is the principal at Ruleville Central High School.

Paula Spurgeon has been named administrative assistant at BankPlus in Pearl.

1994

Shelley Murrell is the senior program director with the Flagstaff Family YMCA in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Markham Robinson is the assistant vice president and manager of the Lakeland office for Union Planters Bank in Jackson.

1996

Molly Chiz of Coppell, Tex. is the new sales representative with Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

Wendy Howell is an interior designer for Morgan Keegan & Co. in Memphis, Tenn.

Susan Wigley Jackson has been promoted to computer lab facilitator at Holmes Community College.

1997

Terri Springer has been named director of human resources at Central Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Jeanne Bennett Nation is the director of preschool and children ministries at First Baptist, Hazel Green, Ala.

1998

Christopher Michael O'Neal received his Certified Public Accountant license in Greenwood.

Noel Hopper, BSN, MBA, quality manager of Bolivar Medical Center, has been chosen to serve as a member of the 2002 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

Will Jourdan is a lumber broker/trader for Birmingham International Forest Products in Birmingham, Ala.

Joe Anthony Olivi has accepted a general surgery residency position at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan, N.Y.

1999

Philip Wiggins is the Head Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Coach at Austin College in Sherman, Tex.

Michael Lott is a sales representative for Drexel in Monroe, La.

With the *Classes*



Brown

2000
Tomeka Shawon Brown is a teacher at Coleman Middle School in Greenville.

Denise Jones is an advertising representative for The Greenwood Commonwealth.

Robbye Elizabeth "Betsy" Griffin received her master's degree in Speech Pathology from Ole Miss and is now employed by Mid South Rehab in Senatobia.

Leigh Ann Akers is an operations assistant with Lipscomb Oil Company, Inc. in Greenville.

Julie Kennedy has been named the assistant softball coach at Campbell University, N.C.

Sarah Osso has been promoted to product management officer at Trustmark in Jackson.

2001

Chad Thompson is currently the youth minister/associate pastor at Drew Baptist Church.

Maggie Williams is currently working in Dallas as a sales rep for Maharam.

Elizabeth A. Ginn was recently promoted to programs & services manager for the Southaven Chamber of Commerce in Southaven.

Jamie Howard Trusty has been hired as an assistant girls basketball, assistant soccer coach, and instructor at Indianola Academy.

2002

Heather Carter is a photographer with The Bolivar Commercial in Cleveland.

Adrian Dorsey is an agent with American General Life and Accident Insurance Company, in Rolling Fork.

Katrina Barnes has been accepted to Occupational Therapy Program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, in Jackson

Memorie Shea McCreary has been accepted to Occupation Therapy Program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, in Jackson.

Jason Parker Buford has been accepted to the University of Mississippi Medical Center, in Jackson.

Spencer Moore has been accepted to the School of Dentistry at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, in Jackson.

Craig Morgan is an accountant with the Mississippi Gaming Commission in Southaven.

Jonathan Collins has been accepted to the University of Mississippi Medical Center's School of Medicine, in Jackson.

All locations in Mississippi unless otherwise indicated.

New Life *Members*

Craig Vincent - 1993

Hayden C. Mitchell - 1975

Dena Vincent - 1994

Beth Embry - 1986

Charles David Work, Jr. - 1995

Roy Embry - 1988

William J. Crump, Jr. - 1981

Mr. & Mrs. William M. Simpson, II - 2000

Falicia L. Edwards - 1997

Jimmie C. Hood - 1958

Mary Lewis Hood - 1960

Jeff Martin - 1996

Ernest Oliver Jeffery - 1977

Jacqueline Hall Jeffery - 1977

Kip Tyler - 1971

Joni B. Tyler - 1975

Mary H. Rizzo - 1998

Joyce Hendon Aycock - 1989

Norman Keith Aycock - 1990

Bruce Price - 1992

Julie Price - 1992

Teresa G. Hayes - 1986

William Brooks Dunwoody, II - 2001

Alan Stone - 2001

Ladonna R. Tardy Hill - 1999

Christopher A. Shivers - 1994

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Wedding Bells 2002

Andrea Amy Evans '91 to James A. Williamson on June 23, 2001.

Jodie Arlin Baker '01 to Ralph D. Dollar on February 23,

Dana Ann Mobley '00 to William Monroe Lewis on March 16.

Angel K. Landrum to **Timothy E. Gardner '00** on December 15, 2001.

Melinda Sunshine Sterling to **Harvey C. Watson, Jr '91** on April 13.

Lori L. Hughes to **Andrew Layman Horton '00** on April 6.

Kerri Anne Nobile '95 to John W. Chain on April 6.

Patricia Margaret Aguzzi '99 to **Robert Eric Vargas '98** on April 6.

Rebecca Sarah Porter '01 to Bradley L. Yawn on March 16.

Roberta Grace Wiggins '96 to Jason E. Watkins on April 20.

Grace Ann Bryant '96 to Tryone L. Nailer on April 20.

Kelissa Teveil King '97 to Jeramie Kyles on April 27.

Kelsa Renee Dooley '00 to James Dysart Bell, Jr. '99 on February 2.

Amanda Delaine Bardin '98 to Johnathan H. Robinson on May 11.

Annie C. Rhoden '00 to James M. Clark on May 11.

Leigh Meriwether Shaffer '98 to Robert E. Vail on May 15.

Kristy Lynn Thornton '01 to David W. Peacock '02 on May 18.

Melanie Grace Vaughn '98 to Nicholas Crow on May 18.

Anne M. Moore to **Charles Harry Flowers, Jr. '96** on May 25.

Kelly Renee Maughan '00 to **Cory Robert Edwards '00** on January 26.

Tammy Ann Underwood '82 to James A. Torrey, Jr. on May 18.

Laura Sandell to **Clarence Hunter Pegram, Jr '95** on March 9.

Mary Margaret Trippe '00 to Larry W. Calvert on June 8.

Jessica Mignon Rose '00 to Jeffery M. Springfield on June 8.

Megan Elizabeth Sewall '00 to **Joseph Andrew Ellis '00** on June 10.

Rebekah Michelle Haire '01 to **William "Billy" Joseph Dorgan, Jr '02** on June 8.

Melissa Anne Stafford '00 to **Michael Bradley Lott '01** on June 15.

Stephanie Kay Sella '02 to **Joey Albert Brown '99** on June 14.

Tamsyn Altar Furne '02 to Robert E. Gramlin, III on May 18.

Lindsey Beth Bell '02 to **Adam Floyd Otts '98** on May 18.

Cynthia Leigh Fuller '02 to William D. Wallace on June 15.

Candice Letoyl Harper '00 to **Brady Lane Perry '02** on June 1.

Gwendolyn Victoria Perkins '02 to John S. Linton, Jr. on June 15.

Natalie Elaine Bills '01 to **Frank Winbourne Smith, III '01** on June 15.

Audra Michelle Pittman '99 to **Richard Ray Cox '99** on June 23.

Dena Suzanne Miller '97 to **Joey J. Beevers '87** on June 22.

Stephanie Ann Taylor '02 to Sean G. Jones on June 29.

Lauren Claudia Brain '97 to Nathan L. Dunn on June 29.

Kamesha Naquita Mobley '01 to Bryant H. Harp on July 6.

Senetra Lashall Miller '98 to Otis Williams on July 6.

Jennifer Jo Avis '98 to James L. Smith, Jr. on December 8, 2001.

Allison Lynn Carter to **William Michael Simpson, II '00** on December 29, 2001.

Wedding *Bells* 2002

Michelle Lynn Nilsen '01 to David B. Corbin on July 13.

Andrea D. Dallas to **Sidney Leon McNeil, Jr. '97** on June 1.

Joy E. Wiman to **Louis Botha Steenkamp '01** on June 1.

Melissa Carol Malley '96 to Sean P. Cooper on May 18, 2002.

Amberly A. Wilson to **Matthew Thompson Collins '01** on May 17.

Rosemary Thorell to **William Carlton "Beetle" Bailey '98** on May 4.

Melanie Weems to Scott Rouch on June 29.

Lee E. Bell to **William Perrin Weathers '99** on June 22.

Valenta Eunice Nichols '93 to Michael Durell Ross on July 27.

Falba Elizabeth "Libba" LaMastus '96 to Christopher T. Stanford on May 25.

Kristin N. Cobb to **Angelo Jacob Fermo '99** on June 29.

All weddings in 2002 unless otherwise indicated.

In *Memoriam*

Jo Ann McCrory Ostrander 1967, on January 11.

Erna Symonds 1932, on November 24, 2001.

Helen "Rose" Jacobs Yurkow, on February 2.

Ann Rue "Cotton" Gorton 1931, on February 11.

Dr. Zora "Zo" Anderson Brown 1974, on February, 21.

Jacqueline Hall Jeffery 1977, on July 2, 2001.

Dorothy Louise Cortright 1934, on September 4, 2001.

Frank John Loyacono 1951, on March 7.

James F. Bellipanni 1950, on March 16.

Dr. Gary Bernard Mills 1967, on January 25.

William Burns Strode 1949, on February 28.

S. Wayne Thompson 1943, on April 7.

Susan Woodruff Lindsey 1981, on April 14.

Hansel W. King 1964, on April 17.

Joel Pittman Hill 1940, on December 17, 2001.

Lois Kathleen Buckley 1954, on April 14.

Evelyn P. Everett on November 6, 2001.

Margaret Jo Moore Rutledge DSU Faculty, on May 5.

Dr. Jack Winton Gunn, retired dean of DSU and professor on May 25.

Mildred Williams "Millie" McClendon 1989, on May 25.

Carolyn Templeton Morgan 1942, on June 6.

Dr. Calvin Richardson Simmons 1938, on May 25.

Kimberly McNeil Upchurch 1992, on June 28.

All deaths in 2002 unless otherwise indicated

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Conner Andrew to Mr. and Mrs. **Jamie Van Vulpen '91 (Dawn Lajan Palmer '95)** on January 23.

Caroline Woods to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Derby (**Susan Wall '92**) on July 5, 2001.

Alex Tyler to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Anthony (**Pam Cooper '87**) on November 9, 2001.

Autumn Grace to Mr. and Mrs. **Scott Gentry '91** on July 20, 2001.

Maggie Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. **Tim Gaines '94 (Rachel Myers '94)** on February 25.

Samuel Calhoun born May 24, 2000 adopted August 21, 2001 from Kremenchug, Ukraine by Mr. and Mrs. **Clark Parker '87 (Pat E. Mullen '98)**.

Scott Vincent to Mr. and Mrs. **Don White '92 (Cydnie Barranco '95)** on December 6, 2001.

John Colin to Mr. and Mrs. **John P. Keys '97 (Pam Tilghman '97)** on November 15, 2001.

Jonathan Patrick to Mr. and Mrs. **Jeff Martin '96** on January 31.

Nicholas Alexander to Mr. and Mrs. **Joel Tyler, Jr. '80** on December 20, 2001.

George Rhinehard to Mr. and Mrs. **George D. Bassi '87** on March 15.

Houston David to Mr. and Mrs. **David E. Holman '91** on December 21, 2001.

Riley Betts to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Dalrymple (**Melanie Little Dungan '94**) on February 18.

Anna Bowman to Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Johnston, III '89 (Beverly Susan Bowman '89)** on April 11.

Logan James to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Stone (**Aimee Elizabeth Hart '89**) on April 2.

Shelby Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackson Youngblood (**Amy Elizabeth Nunley '92**) on February 4.

Olivia Anne to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Davis (**Teresa Marking '95**) on February 27.

John Tyler to Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Maloney (**Jacqueline Helton '88**) on January 22.

Reagan Presley to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wooldridge (**Kim Biddy '91**) on February 8.

James Walker to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Corley (**Stephanie Walker '97**) on October 6, 2001.

Cortney Ann to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Alford, Jr. (**Sangie Butler '95**) on August 29, 2001.

Zachary Scott to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Allen Baker (**Jessica Denise Perkins '94**) on November 30, 2001.

Leigh Adale to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tucker (**Joyce Sledge '85**) on October 5, 2001.

Nicholas Joseph to Mr. and Mrs. **James Curcio '90 (Stacy Demilio '94)** on November 29, 2001.

Robert Joseph to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Joseph Riffin '90** on July 18, 2001.

Garren Davis to Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Lamar Temple '94 (Kristen Elizabeth Lipscomb '96)** on March 25.

Stephanie Michelle to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nation (**Jeanne Bennett '97**) on January 5, 2001.

Ryan James to Mr. and Mrs. Rick Calhoun (**Kim Thornton '92**) on April 29.

Mary Kathryn to Mr. and Mrs. Buck Hill (**Laura Smith '87**) on October 4.

Baylor Guidano to Mr. and Mrs. **Guidano Napoli '97 (Brandy Lynn Emmert '98)** on April 18.

Christian Joseph to Mr. and Mrs. **Keith Fulcher '83** on June 12.

Braylee Alexis to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Shaw (**Melody Mattox '00**) on December 14, 2001.

Hunter Garland to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Ellis, Jr. (**Ashley Dawn Flowers '92**) on March 17.

Abigail Aileen to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Furness (**Karri Furness '97**) on May 2.

Caleb Chess to Mr. and Mrs. **Eric Owens '91 (Laura Pearson '91)** on June 3.



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YOUR TO TICKET RIDE!

2002-2003
calendar

Thursday, September 19, 2002
The Oakridge Boys

Tuesday, October 1, 2002
A Streetcar Named Desire

Tuesday, November 12, 2002
A Gentleman from Mississippi

Tuesday, November 26, 2002
Grease

Sunday, December 1, 2002
Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers

Tuesday, January 28, 2003
Big Band Dance Party
Starring The Jivin' Lindy Hoppers

Sunday, February 16, 2003
Girls Choir of Harlem

Tuesday, February 25, 2003
Lord of the Dance

Tuesday, March 4, 2003
Spoletto Chamber Music USA

Thursday, April 17, 2003
Fosse



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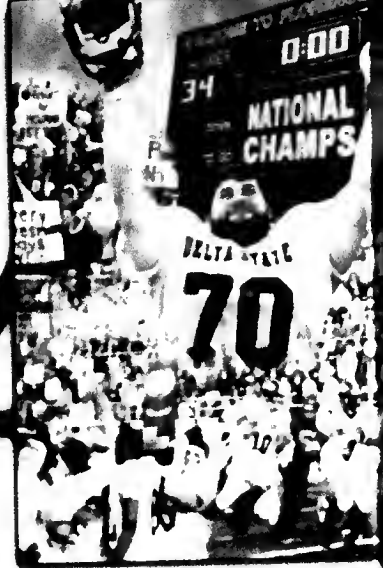


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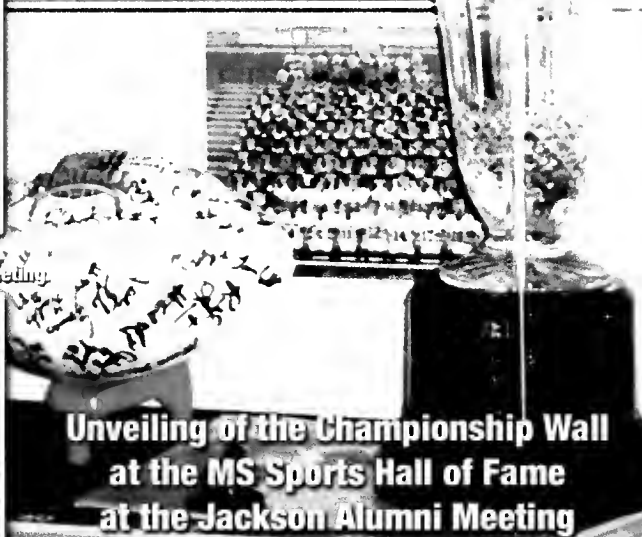
Incoming president Bobby Moore '64 presents outgoing president Alan Jones '69 a service plaque at the Gulf Coast Meeting.



Charles Minyard '79, Dennis Box '79, Chuck Booth '78 and DSU co-pilot Andrew Hill '01 at the Dallas/Ft. Worth Meeting.



Coach Ferriss passes by his display at the MS Sports Hall of Fame at the Greater Jackson Meeting.



Unveiling of the Championship Wall at the MS Sports Hall of Fame at the Jackson Alumni Meeting



Coach Mike Annison '77 enjoying a meal at the Bolivar County Meeting.



Jordan Goins '73 and Gloria Goins '75 at the Bolivar County Crawfish Boil.



Viola Sanders '41 (sitting), Virginia White, Freddy Saine '81, Gay Smith '97, and Nick Joseph, Jr. '85 at the Leflore County Chapter meeting.

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